

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Resolution No. 2015 - 0406

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District supporting Governor Scott's 20-Year Funding Request for Everglades Restoration; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Florida Everglades is one of the world's major ecosystems and a national treasure; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Everglades plays a vital role in Florida's economy and the quality of life for millions of Floridians; and

WHEREAS, Governor Scott has proposed an ambitious 20-year Funding Plan for restoration and protection of Florida's Everglades; and

WHEREAS, under the 20-year Plan, the State will dedicate \$5 Billion to restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Plan assures a long-term revenue stream that will provide a steady source of funding to eliminate the "stops and starts" that have impeded past restoration progress; and

WHEREAS, under the Plan, the Federal Government would contribute an additional \$4 Billion in matching funds for a total of \$9 Billion; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will provide for major environmental restoration projects that significantly increase water storage and create stormwater treatment areas; and

WHEREAS, these projects will deliver critical benefits across the South Florida ecosystem that include water storage, significant reductions in phosphorus and nitrogen loading within the ecosystem, restoration of more natural water flows, increase in water supply, and reductions in the impacts of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, these projects will also continue the momentum of Florida's job growth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby supports Governor Scott's 20-Year funding request for Everglades restoration.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Resolution No. 2015-0406

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 9th day of April, 2015.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

By:

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